

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 2, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/009235, filed August 20, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European Patent application No. 02023394.6 EP filed October 18, 2002, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please replace the section heading at page 1 line 2, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION section with the new section heading, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 1 line 5, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 3 line 8, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 3 lines 12 through 14 as follows:

The object is achieved by a method as claimed in the claims ~~claim 1~~, in which the component is treated in a salt bath prior to an acid treatment.

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 3 line 18, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 3 line 27, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--